

Quarterly Report on the Status of Prison Overcrowding, for the First Quarter of 1992

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Section twenty-one of Chapter 799 of the Acts of 1985 directs the Commissioner of Correction to report quarterly on the status of overcrowding in state and county correctional facilities. This statute calls for the following information:

Such report shall include, by facility, the average daily census for the period of the report and the actual census on the first and last days of the report period. Said report shall also contain such information for the previous twelve months and a comparison to the rated capacity of each such facility.

This report presents the required statistics for the first quarter of 1992.

Table 1 provides the DOC figures for the first quarter of 1992. As this table indicates, the DOC population (excluding Bridgewater State Hospital, SDPTC, AC and Longwood) rose by 123 inmates during the first quarter, an increase of 1.3 percent. At the end of the quarter, the DOC operated with 9,176 inmates in a system with a design capacity of 5,885 -i.e., the DOC operated at 156 percent of design capacity.

Table 2 provides the DOC figures for the previous twelve months - i.e., for the period January 1, 1991 to December 31, 1991. These figures indicate that the DOC population increased by 786 or 9.6 percent over this twelve-month period, from 8,159 in January 1991 to 8,945 in December, 1991.

This report was prepared by Ramon Raagas of the Research Division and is based in daily count sheets prepared by the Classification Division.

Table 3 presents the county figures for the first quarter of 1992. The county population increased by 734 inmates during this quarter, an increase of 10 percent. At the end of the quarter, the county system operated with 7,833 inmates in facilities with a total design capacity of 6,006, - i.e., the county system operated at 126 percent of design capacity. This population increase is due to the construction of two new facilities, Norfolk and South Bay House of Corrections resulting in a total increased capacity of 1,356, from 4,650 in December 1991 to 6,006 in March 1992.

Table 4 presents the county figures for the previous twelve months. These figures indicate that the county population increased by 983 inmates or 16.0 percent over this twelve-month period, from 6,143 in January 1991 to 7,126 in December 1991.

Table 5 provides statistics on court commitments to the DOC for the first quarter 1991 and first quarter 1992. Overall, there has been a decrease of 208, or minus 18 percent, in commitments for 1992 in comparison with the same period in 1991, from 1,135 to 927. Commitments to Cedar Junction were down by 50, or minus 8.5 percent. Commitments to Concord decreased by 114, or minus 44 percent. Overall, male commitments were down by 164, or minus 19 percent from 1991. Commitments to Framingham decreased by 44, or minus 15%.

Table 1
Population in Department of Correction Facilities,
January 1, 1992 to March 31, 1992

Facility	Average Daily Population	Beginning Population	Ending Population	Design Capacity	%ADP Capacity
Cedar Junction	737	732	741	693	106%
Bay State	265	266	266	266	100%
Concord	1199	1184	1225	514	233%
Framingham-ATU	75	64	76	68	110%
Framingham	407	394	433	194	210%
Norfolk	1237	1249	1229	919	135%
NCCI	949	998	917	518	183%
OCCC	672	672	674	488	138%
SECC	630	790	611	0	n.a.
Shirley-Medium	746	555	830	720	104%
Sub-Total	6917	6904	7002	4380	158%
NCC	270	267	267	150	180%
SECC-Minimum	159	103	206	100	159%
Lancaster-Male	149	147	150	70	213%
Lancaster-Female	98	92	99	59	166%
Plymouth	234	275	220	151	155%
Pondville	199	196	201	100	199%
Shirley-Lower	438	455	433	403	109%
SMCC	196	198	193	125	157%
Warwick	83	85	87	50	166%
Hodder	24	29	20	35	69%
Boston State	99	98	101	55	180%
Park Drive	67	67	70	50	134%
MHHI	71	71	68	81	88%
WSATP	0	2	1	4	0%
Drug Rehab	0	0	0	1	0%
Hillside	39	40	40	40	98%
Charlotte	14	15	15	15	93%
Houston House	4	4	3	15	27%
Day Reporting Center	2	5	0	1	200%
Sub-Total	2146	2149	2174	1505	143%
TOTAL	9063	9053	9176	5885	154%
Bridgewater SH	302	301	309	337	90%
Bridgewater TC	226	233	224	216	105%
Bridgewater AC	295	301	271	430	69%
Longwood TC	120	112	119	124	97%
GRAND TOTAL	10006	10000	10099	6992	143%
Houses of Correction	835	822	811	n.a.	n.a.
Federal Prisons	40	41	39	n.a.	n.a.
Inter-State Contract	58	57	61	n.a.	n.a.

Table 2
Population in Department of Correction Facilities,
January 1, 1991 to December 31, 1991

Facility	Average Daily Population	Beginning Population	Ending Population	Design Capacity	%ADP Capacity
Cedar Junction	720	681	738	693	104%
Bay State	184	180	264	266	69%
Concord	1204	1148	1187	514	234%
Framingham-ATU	72	68	60	68	106%
Framingham	386	357	395	194	199%
Norfolk	1297	1293	1245	919	141%
NCCI	918	737	998	518	177%
OCCC	672	663	674	488	138%
BCC	134	251	0	0	n.a.
SECC	745	736	694	0	n.a.
Shirley-Medium	124	0	538	360	34%
Sub-Total	6456	6114	6793	4020	161%
NCC	262	245	266	150	175%
SECC-Minimum	110	112	103	100	110%
Lancaster-Male	149	151	148	70	213%
Lancaster-Female	92	90	93	59	156%
Plymouth	288	288	276	151	191%
Pondville	195	100	196	100	194%
Shirley-Lower	438	464	455	403	112%
SMCC	188	173	198	125	150%
Warwick	88	88	85	50	176%
Hodder	32	29	28	35	91%
Boston State	100	99	98	55	182%
Park Drive	69	67	67	50	136%
MHHI	72	75	73	81	89%
WSATP	3	3	2	4	50%
Drug Rehab	0	1	0	1	0%
Hillside	39	37	40	40	98%
Charlotte	14	15	15	15	93%
Houston House	6	7	4	15	40%
Day Reporting Center	1	1	5	1	100%
Sub-Total	2146	2045	2152	1505	143%
TOTAL	8602	8159	8945	5525	160%
Bridgewater SH	302	306	300	337	90%
Bridgewater TC	240	249	233	216	112%
Bridgewater AC	359	355	301	430	84%
Longwood TC	120	119	113	125	96%
GRAND TOTAL	9623	9188	9892	6633	145%
Houses of Correction	761	494	821	n.a.	n.a.
Federal Prisons	36	31	41	n.a.	n.a.
Interstate Contract	55	52	57	n.a.	n.a.

Table 3
Population in County Correctional Facilities,
January 1, 1992 to March 31, 1992

Facility	Average Daily Population	Beginning Population	Ending Population	Design Capacity	%ADP Capacity
Barnstable	154	138	164	110	140%
Berkshire	163	139	157	126	129%
Bristol	847	825	887	696	122%
Dukes	15	12	15	19	79%
Essex	1039	986	1074	635	164%
Franklin	92	81	111	63	146%
Hampden	570	555	562	372	153%
Hampden-OUI	123	117	118	125	98%
Hampshire	277	264	273	263	105%
Middlesex	1020	1001	1018	792	129%
Norfolk	328	286	462	379	87%
Plymouth	509	468	531	307	166%
Suffolk-Nashua Street	422	398	448	453	93%
Suffolk-South Bay	946	831	992	751	126%
Worcester	915	886	902	790	116%
Longwood TC	121	112	119	125	97%
TOTAL	7541	7099	7833	6006	126%

Table 4
Population in County Correctional Facilities,
January 1, 1991 to December 31, 1991

Facility	Average Daily Population	Beginning Population	Ending Population	Design Capacity	%ADP Capacity
Barnstable	155	156	139	110	141%
Berkshire	148	129	139	126	117%
Bristol	699	599	774	696	100%
Dukes	15	8	12	13	115%
Essex	936	646	992	635	147%
Franklin	96	85	84	63	152%
Hampden	519	488	558	312	166%
Hampden-OUI	125	106	118	125	100%
Hampshire	258	248	267	163	158%
Middlesex	1006	970	1009	592	170%
Norfolk	268	244	289	149	180%
Plymouth	491	428	465	157	313%
Suffolk-Nashua Street	423	424	444	453	87%
Suffolk-D.I.	811	798	831	441	184%
Worcester	848	695	892	490	173%
Longwood	120	119	113	125	96%
TOTAL	6918	6143	7126	4650	149%

Table 5**Court Commitments to the DOC,**

	<u>1991</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>Difference</u>
<u>Cedar Junction</u>			
First Quarter	589	539	-8.5%
<u>Concord</u>			
First Quarter	259	145	-44%
Sub-Total Males	848	684	-19%
<u>Framingham</u>			
First Quarter	287	243	-15%
Sub-Total Females	287	243	-15%
TOTAL	1135	927	-18%

Technical Notes

1. The official capacity or security level designation for each facility can change for a number of reasons, e.g. expansion of facility beds, decrease of facility beds due to fire, or changes in contracts with vendors. In all tables the capacity and security level reflects the status at the end of the reporting period. The design capacity is reported for correctional facilities in Tables 1, 2, 3, and 4.
2. The population figures for Cedar Junction and Norfolk include both DSU and open population.
3. The population figures for all facilities include both male and female inmates.
4. State inmates housed in the Hampshire county contract program are included in the county population tables as are all other state inmates housed in county facilities.
5. Norfolk includes Braintree, Dedham, and Norfolk Contract. Middlesex includes both Billerica and Cambridge. Berkshire includes the pre-release facility. Suffolk-South Bay includes the contract facility. Essex includes Middleton, and the Lawrence Alternative Center. Bristol includes Dartmouth, Eastern Mass. Alternative Center and Pre-release.
6. Nashua Street inmates housed at other facilities are reported in the counts for the facilities in which they were in custody.
7. The counts reported for MHHI include pre-release inmates and exclude parole inmates housed in those facilities.
8. Longwood Treatment Center is a specialized DOC facility for individuals incarcerated for O.U.I. Because the inmates are county sentenced inmates, the inmate count and bed capacity are included in Tables 3 and 4.
9. Pondville Correctional Center is a minimum/pre-release security facility formerly known as Norfolk Pre-Release Center.

10. Abbreviations and Definitions:

AC	- Addiction Center
ADP	- Average Daily Population
ATU	- Awaiting Trial Unit
BCC	- Boston Correctional Center
DOC	- Department of Correction
Drug Rehab	- Includes Meridian House and Spectrum House
LCAC	- Lawrence Correctional Alternative Center
N.A.	- Not Applicable
MHHI	- Massachusetts Halfway Houses Inc. includes Temporary Housing Project, McGrath House and Brooke House
NCC	- Northeastern Correctional Center
NCCI	- North Central Correctional Institution at Gardner
OSCC	- Old Colony Correctional Center
OUI	- Operating Under the Influence
PRC	- Pre-Release Center
SECC	- Southeastern Correctional Center
SH	- State Hospital
SMCC	- South Middlesex Correctional Center (formerly SMPRC)
SDP	- Sexually Dangerous Person
TC	- Treatment Center
WSATP	- Women's Substance Abuse Treatment Program includes Faith House and Griffin House